



# ISA On Target

Irwin Sportsmen's Association Newsletter

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### Bowhunting in Pennsylvania

A new study by the Archery Trade Association announced that the estimated total number of bowhunters across the US in 2021-2022 was 3.7 million. Pennsylvania was ranked as 9% of those figures. They stated 331,000 archery licenses were sold; however, the Game Commission shows 360,984 sold which includes juniors and seniors bowhunting with privileges within combination licenses. No other state came close to the Pennsylvania numbers.

If you've ever wondered why bowhunting is so popular, here are a few reasons:

- There are more days available within the archery seasons. For 2023/2024, hunters will have 61 days statewide.
- There is the added benefit of two extra hours of shooting during archery season. This allows more working people time to hit the woods later.
- More opportunities for big game. Last year, 737 bears were taken during archery. Pennsylvania also has an archery-only elk season.
- Archery seasons are usually during warmer temperatures.
- Archers are able to hunt during the whitetail rut periods.
- Archers have more opportunity for spots hunting. They need to only worry about 50-yard safety zones vs. firearm hunters observing 150-yard safety zones.
- Archery equipment is compatible with all sizes and capabilities of hunters.

Hopefully these tips, courtesy of the Pennsylvania Game News, help sway your interest with bowhunting this season.

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## ISA Post 228 Junior Rifle Club Inc.



*Pictured Left to Right: Nathan, Gianna, Cameron, Logan, Parker, Evan*

We are getting very close to the Nationals Match at Camp Perry, OH. The team will arrive on base on Sunday, July 16 and depart on Saturday, July 22. The team will be camping in Out of the three members attending Nationals, only one has competed there before. Good luck to Nathan, Cameron & Logan!!

You can track the scores of the Nationals Competition by using the following link:

[CMP Club & Competition Tracker | Match Display \(thecmp.org\)](#)

The team will be hosting other Jr. Rifle teams on Saturday, July 8 from 12:00 PM—4:00 PM for a “Fun Shoot”. This will also give the kids a chance to interact with each other before Camp Perry. Due to the shoot, the silhouette range will be closed.

Practices will continue to be held on the outdoor rifle ranges each Monday & Tuesday thru the end of July. This is a great opportunity for you, the members, to come and see the talent among the kids!

You can continue to help support the team by purchasing monthly raffle tickets and purchasing hoagies. Please contact Coach Paul to get your tickets. We sell Triangle Bar hoagies each month at the following locations:

- Manor Car Wash
- S&T Bank on Route 130 in Penn Township
- Lot beside Earl’s Dairy Whip (off Clay Pike in North Huntingdon)

Our next hoagie sale is Saturday, July 15 starting at 10:30 AM.

# Sporting Events in the Area

- July 6: Family Fishing Program, Evergreen Community Park, 6:00 PM—9:00 PM, Free  
[Event - Family Fishing Program - July 6, 2023 in Pittsburgh, PA \(register-ed.com\)](#)
- July 15: Family Field Day, Pitcairn Monroeville Sportsmens Club, 8:00 AM—4:00 PM  
[Event - Family Field Day - July 15, 2023 in North Versailles, PA \(register-ed.com\)](#)
- July 19: PA Game Commission Jr. Game Warden Camp, Southwest Region Office, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM, [GAME COMMISSION TO HOLD JUNIOR GAME WARDEN CAMPS \(pa.gov\)](#)
- July 20: Concealed Carry Seminar sponsored by Rep. Eric Nelson, Youngwood Fire Department, 6:00 PM—8:30 PM [Events :: Firearms Owners Against Crime ILLEA \(foac-illea.org\)](#)
- July 22: Fly Fishing 101, Forbes State Forest, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM , Free  
[Fly Fishing 101 - DCNR Calendar of Events \(pa.gov\)](#)
- July 22: Family Field Day, Kiski Township Sportsman Club, 8:00 AM—4:00 PM  
[Event - Youth Field Day - July 22, 2023 in Avonmore, PA \(register-ed.com\)](#)

## Elk Licenses



July 16: Deadline to apply for a license within the Elk Management areas in PA. The application fee is \$11.97 per season or apply for all three seasons for \$35.91.

You can apply at [www.huntfish.pa.gov](http://www.huntfish.pa.gov)

# ISA Events

- July 2: ?? Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round
- July 5: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- July 6: Outdoor Pin Shoots, 5:00 PM
- July 9: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round
- July 11: Ladies Pistol Instructional League, 6:30 PM, \$5.00/person
- July 12: ISA Member Work Party, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM
- July 12: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- July 13: ISA Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM
- July 15: **ISA Special Work Party, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**
- July 15: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Club Inc. Hoagie Sales: Purchase a Triangle Bar hoagie for \$8.00 at Manor Car Wash, S&T Bank on Route 130 or the lot beside Earl's Dairy Whip from 10:45 AM—Sold out
- July 16: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round
- July 16: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Club Inc. leaves for Camp Perry, OH
- July 18: Ladies Pistol Instructional League, 6:30 PM, \$5.00/person
- July 19: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- July 20: Outdoor Pin Shoots, 5:00 PM
- July 22: Rain Date for July 15 Special Work Party
- July 23: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round
- July 26: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- July 27: ISA Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM
- July 30: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round

# ISA Fundraising

**\*Reminder: If you sell 10 tickets, you will receive 1 work party credit!\***

## August Ticket

Tickets are on sale for \$10 for the Pitt Boss Smoker with accessories and a \$350 gift card for meats. The winning numbers will be pulled on August 25. We need to sell 250 tickets. All stubs and money will be due by August 10. If you are interested in helping to sell or want to purchase any, please see an ISA Officer.

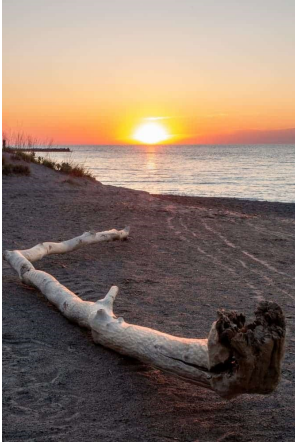
## Friends of the NRA Tickets

We are once again selling the month-long calendar tickets for Friends of the NRA. We previously sold these for the month of May. The tickets are available for \$20 and run the entire month of September. There will be 2 winners each day (Daily Drawing & Evening Drawing). These sold out fast so get your tickets today!! Contact Dan Nave (724) 433-4965

## Fall Gun Tickets

A fall gun ticket will start being sold in September to coincide with our annual ISA Open House. We plan to sell 250 tickets that will contain 4 numbers. The cost of each ticket will be \$15.00 each. This combo ticket will feature gun and ammo for Men and Women (2 different guns) along with a \$100 gift card for Defenders Armory. The ticket will go off on October 6. All stubs and money will be due back to the club by September 14. Once the tickets are ready to start selling, we will send out notifications.

# PA State Park Spotlight



## *Presque Isle State Park*

Presque Isle State Park is a 3,200-acre sandy peninsula that sits along Lake Erie. As Pennsylvania's only "seashore," Presque Isle offers many recreational activities, including swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, bicycling, and in-line skating.

Things to do while visiting this park:

- *Beaches:* There are 13 beaches to pick from when visiting the park. Swimming is only permitted when the lifeguards are on duty. Concession stands, restrooms and picnic tables can be found throughout the park.
- *Biking:* With the flat terrain, you won't want to miss out on the 13.5 miles of bicycle trails throughout the park. Don't have a bike? Don't worry, you can rent them within the park for a small fee.
- *Bird Watching:* There are over 300 different avian species that call Presque Isle their home.
- *Boat Tours:* Lady Kate is a touring boat that docks near Commodore Perry Monument. Tours last approximately 90 minutes and are narrated. You can also take a free pontoon boat tour which leave from the dock adjacent to Misery Bay near the kayak rentals. These tours are 50 minutes and fill up quickly.
- *Fishing:* Even though a special stamp is required to fish on Lake Erie, it is something that everyone should try at least once. Anglers have caught bass, walleye, perch and steelhead.
- *Hiking:* There are over 11 miles of hiking trails. This is great for those that don't want a difficult hike as the park is relatively flat. Be sure to check which trails are open before heading out. Trails can be marshy or underwater when the lake is high.
- *Kayaking:* Feel free to bring your own kayak or rent one near Graveyard Pond. You will be able to see areas that are unreachable by land.

# Pennsylvania Game Commission Jr. Game Warden Camp



On Wednesday, July 19, the PA Game Commission Southwest Region Office will host their 2023 Jr. Game Warden Camp. The camp is open to youth ages 12 to 15.

Campers will spend the day with game wardens, gaining insight into the job and the Game Commission's mission of managing and protecting the state's wildlife and habitats while promoting hunting and trapping. Campers will join wardens in light physical fitness, activities, confidence-building exercises and at hands-on learning stations. Campers will learn about wildlife forensics and methods used by wardens to catch poachers and solve wildlife-related crimes. Other activities will involve wildlife-capture techniques, woodland tracking and outdoor survival.

The camps begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Registration can be completed online via the link at the bottom. Registration is limited to those who have not attended a camp held previously and is limited to 40 participants.

The Southwest Region Office is located at 4820 Route 711, Bolivar, PA 15923.

[GAME COMMISSION TO HOLD JUNIOR GAME WARDEN CAMPS \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/gamcom/junior-game-warden-camps)

## Opportunities to Earn Work Party Credits

- \* Attend ISA Member Work Parties that are held each Wednesday
  - \* We have a variety of tasks that can be completed for all skill levels
- \* Attend Monthly Membership Meetings
  - \* Attendance at 4 meetings = 1 Work Party Credit
- \* Monitor the ranges
  - \* Instructions for this duty are inside the binder in the Club House room. Make sure to sign-in for credit and borrow a safety vest.
- \* Help clean up Sandy Hill Road up to the intersection of Route 130.
  - \* Contact Smoky Burdin
- \* Help sell monthly tickets with the Post 228 Jr. Rifle Club Inc.
  - \* Contact Paul Angelicchio
- \* Help sell a minimum of 10 tickets for ISA
  - \* Contact Dan Nave
- \* Contact an ISA Officer to inquire about additional opportunities that may be coming up

## Membership Renewal Cards

If you did not include a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope with your dues payment, your new card is at the club and may be picked up at any regularly scheduled meeting.



## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Westmoreland County Sportmen's League booth at the Westmoreland County Fair. The fair dates are August 18 thru August 26 and they are open from noon until 10:00 PM.

Volunteers would help sell raffle tickets and assist with supporting the County League mission and local partners at the booth. You will even earn ISA work party credits if you serve 2 hours. If you can volunteer a few hours, please contact Smokey Burdin (724) 396-9627.

## Special Work Party

There will be a special work party on Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Rain date is set for July 22. You have the potential to earn 1-2 work party credits, depending on the amount of hours served. Free chili and corn bread will be served for lunch at 1:00 after work has been completed.

Projects to accomplish during this Special Work Party are:

- Revamping the backstop of the pistol pin range
- Trim rifle range bank out to the 200 yd. mark
- Spreading stone in the driveway

To ensure there is enough lunch for everyone, please RSVP to Jack Ruffner (724) 331-8099 with questions or attendance confirmation.

**Thank you to everyone who came out for the Special Work Party in June to assist with the tree removals. We greatly appreciate all of the help!**

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